Donation Land

Know all men by these presents that I Herman Eckman of the County of Fayette and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania am held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the time being in the sum of Two hundred pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania to the payment of which well and truly to be made I bind myself my heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this 13th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Herman Eckman hath obtained a warrant dated the 13th day of October 1799 for two hundred acres of land allowed by Congress to Henry Gibson and Johnston Ambrose for their services in the late revolution as Soldiers in the Pennsylvania line on the Continental establishment which warrant hath been regularly returned to the Secretary's office of the Land Office and the said Herman Eckman hath requested that a patent may issue for the same to him in his own name and right Now if the said Herman Eckman his heirs executors or administrators shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the Commonwealth aforesaid the purchase money for the said land when the same shall be ascertained and granted by patent then the above obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Herman Eckman [Seal]

Sealed & delivered in the presence of
John Ritchey

Fayette ff — Before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County came Herman Eckman and did acknowledge that he executed the above written instrument of writing for the uses and purposes therein contained —

Done before me the Fifteenth day of October 1799 —

John Ritchey

Know all men by these presents, That I the above named Andrew Brown Attorney of the above named Heironimus Eckman, do hereby nominate and appoint John Bushong of Lampeter Township, in the County of Lancaster & State of Pennsylvania Yeoman, my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name, and in the name of the said Heironimus Eckman to call at the War Office and demand and receive two patents each for one hundred Acres to be made out in the name of the said Heironimus Eckman being the Bounty Lands allowed to the above named Henry Gibson and Johnston Ambrose Soldiers in the Pennsylvania line in the late Revolution as above mentioned, — and upon such Receipts for me as may be necessary or requisite to sign with the name of the said Heironimus Eckman as may be necessary or requisite to sign and seal & execute such Receipts for my purchase as above mentioned. — In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 31st day of October in the year of our Lord 1799 —

Andrew Brown [Seal]

Sealed & delivered in the presence of
Ed. Shaffner
Ed. Shaffner Jr.

Lancaster County ff — Before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in & for the County of Lancaster aforesaid personally appeared the above named Andrew Brown and acknowledged the above written Power of Attorney to his act and deed, to and for the use & purpose therein mentioned. Witness my hand & Seal the 31st October Anno: 1799 —

H. Ashley [Seal]

Dear Sir I have sent a power of Attorney & a petition to the Assembly and appointed you to transact my business for me in Lancaster for the State of Pennsylvania according to your word I Depend upon you to do the business as soon as you can have an opportunity I would wish you to Examine the petition and if you think you could do it to more purpose I would be glad as there is no Dates mentioned and I think it would be necessary Every application should be mentioned in the = proper, as the first was in the year 1795 by Mr Smiley and the power was that [illegible] year 1797 & no more could be done on the account of the sickness in the [illegible] and then in the year 1798 by Andrew Brown and the books was not come to Lancaster at that time, so he signed the power to my Brother in law John Bushong and in the year 1800 I made application my self and nothing could be done the after that session of assembly and in the year 1801 I made application my self again, and then the Door was shut except the Soldier or his wife would personally appear, Except application having been made some time ago which was the former [illegible] the law —

Dear Sir if you think you could mend the petition I would be glad if you would call your Brother John or some person you think fit to act for you in the business & you will be careful to present [illegible] as soon as it can be done — and further I wish you to get a printed paper and write a power to Mr Smiley to the Federal City to call for 200 acres of land being the bounty land allowed by Congress to Henry Gibson and Johnston Ambrose and put my name to the acknowledgment as a Trust in which you do as if I were present — after making application to the office you will be careful to send all the papers to Mr Smiley so that he may call for the land there, you will send the Discharges and other papers by post only be careful to decide them so as the Dont weigh two ounces or else there will be postage upon them —

If you can obtain patterns from the office you will please to advance the money I will clear the office till I see you then, and let me know what has been done concerning all matters of Betseys money with the rest Direct your letter to the Blacksmith old Store to the care of Mr Jacob Bowman

Yours &c

Dear Sir So you will Obleidg your Friend —

November 1st 1801 Heironimus Eckman

Mr William Steel Esqr